

**Governor's Transportation 2020 Citizen Advisory Commission (CAC)
October 26, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

**Courtyard Des Moines Ankeny – Salon IV
Ankeny, IA**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

X Nancy Richardson, Co-chair	X Jim Kersten
X Allan Thoms, Co-chair	X Lindsey Larson
Scott Cirksena	Rose Mitchell
X Jeff Corkery	X Ann Trimble Ray
X Catherine Dunn	X Dan Wiedemeier
X Geri Huser	X Larry Winum

Ex-Officio:

X Rep. David Tjepkes	X Sen. Tom Rielly
X Rep. Jim Lykam	X Sen. Tim Kapucian

Others:

Paul Trombino III, Iowa DOT	Stuart Anderson, Iowa DOT
Zac Bitting, Iowa DOT	Elizabeth Baird, Iowa DOT
Craig Markley, Iowa DOT	Jake Ketzner, Governor's Office
Erica Shorkey, Senate Democratic Staff	Estelle Montgomery, Legislative Services Agency
Marcia Tannian, Legislative Services Agency	Danny Waid, Wright/Hamilton County Eng.
Roger Schletzbaum, Marion County Eng.	Mike Wentzien, County Board of Supervisors
Matt Steinfeldt, Iowa Farm Bureau Assn.	Marty Schwager, Iowa Farm Bureau Assn.
Mona Bond, PMCI	Scott Weiser, CRST
Mary Beth Mellick, Iowa State Assn. of Counties	

1) Approval of October 12th Minutes (10:00 am)

Minutes were approved as written.

2) Miscellaneous Meeting Presentations by CAC Members

Several of the CAC members discussed meetings and press events where they presented information concerning results of the public input meetings.

3) Draft Report Discussion

Nancy Richardson requested CAC members provide Stuart Anderson their grammatical, spelling, etc. changes by the end of the day so that this meeting could focus on substantive changes.

Discussion then continued with the following suggested changes to be incorporated into the final document to be discussed by conference call at 10:00 am on Monday, October 31st:

- a one to two page Executive Summary should be provided;

- try to incorporate more examples of operational efficiency that have been implemented by cities and counties;
- further define the cost of Missouri River flood impacts;
- add more locations affected by flooding (e.g., Dubuque area);
- change references to “ethanol plants” to “bio-fuel plants”;
- add a table and narrative to clarify what the entire unmet funding need shortfall entails;
- convert some of the public input meeting text to a bullet format;
- emphasize non-government entity input in the public comment summary section;
- reference specific sections/tables/figures of the main document in the “recommendations” section;
- address indexing, changing technology, changing conditions, etc. in Recommendation #5;
- clarify the Iowa DOT meet “annually” with cities and counties to discuss operational efficiencies in Recommendation #6;
- for Recommendation #7, clarify the Iowa DOT study of vehicles and equipment that don’t pay user fees or pay substantially discounted user fees should be done by June 30, 2012;
- add an economic impact (ability to attract and retain businesses, impact of detours around embargoed bridges, etc.) section to page 10;
- add a section on the types of improvements to be gained with additional funding;
- integrate discussion of different modes (freight rail, passenger rail and transit) in the “Background” discussion.

4) Discussion on Continuing Activities of the CAC

Activities the CAC may be involved with in the future include:

- finalizing an opinion/editorial document for the press which will include the pay-as-you-go concept;
- Nancy Richardson and Allan Thoms will meet with large newspapers, Iowa Press, TV stations, etc. to discuss CAC recommendations;
- Stuart Anderson will create a PowerPoint presentation, Iowa DOT contact list, rules to respond to the press and common questions and answers for all CAC members to use when making presentations;
- CAC members are encouraged to attend the January 24, 2012 Highway Coalition Briefings with the legislature;
- CAC members are encouraged to reach out to their local legislators to discuss recommendations;
- CAC members are encouraged to contact the stakeholder groups that presented at the July 7th meeting to ensure they stay in contact with legislators.

It is anticipated these recommendations along with the entire final report will be presented by Nancy Richardson and Allan Thoms to Governor Branstad, the Iowa Transportation Commission and the Iowa DOT at the November 8, 2011, 1:00 p.m., Iowa Transportation Commission business meeting in Ames.

Meeting ended at 11:40 a.m.